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NOTICE

TO: Members of the Lewis County Human Services Committee

FROM: Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board

DATE: February 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Human Services Committee Meeting

The Lewis County Human Services Committee will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 1:45 p.m. in the Legislative Board Chambers, 2nd Floor, Lewis County Courthouse, Lowville, New York.

Attached is a list of agenda items for the meeting which will be live-streamed on the Lewis County YouTube channel at: [Lewis County - YouTube.](#)

cc: Community Services
Lewis County Health System
Office for the Aging
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HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AGENDA – February 24, 2026

Call to Order:

- Legislator Tom Kalamas, Chair.

Roll Call:

- Clerk of the Board records attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion to approve minutes from January 20, 2026.

Presentations / Discussion Items:

- Lewis County Health System Maternity Unit updates – Jerry Cayer, LCHS CEO (10 minutes)
- Utility Bill updates – Lauryn Tabolt, Community Development Specialist (10 minutes)

Draft Resolutions / Motions:

1. Expressing support for designating Fort Drum as a host site for the Department of Defense's Advanced Nuclear Power for Installations (ANPI) initiative and commit to collaborating with partners to advance deployment of advanced nuclear energy technologies.
2. Authorizing annual agreement with Jefferson County to administer workforce development activities under WIOA for 2026, establishing the Jefferson-Lewis Local Workforce Development Area and empowering designated officials to execute related agreements.
3. Appointing Jennifer Rich of Watertown, NY, to the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board to fill a vacancy and serve a two-year term beginning March 3, 2026, to June 30, 2026; and then July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2028.
4. Appointing Lisa Hetzner of Lowville, NY, to the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board to fill a vacancy and serve a two-year term beginning March 3, 2026, to June 30, 2026; and then July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2028.
5. Approving proposed revisions to the Lewis County Youth Bureau By-Laws, adding attendance requirements for membership and outlining expectations for Youth Board Members regarding meeting participation, program monitoring, and event involvement.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion to approve and adopt the 2026 Human Services Committee goals as follows:
 - ✓ Housing Security, Prevention, and Cost Avoidance.
 - ✓ Highlight the Lewis County Workplace – Workforce Development to enhance future opportunities.
 - ✓ Appoint Legislators to Key Housing Related Committees.
 - ✓ Legislator Participation in Bridges Out of Poverty Training and/or Poverty Stimulation.

New Business:

- Office For the Aging volunteer opportunities

Executive Session:

- To discuss the performance of a particular entity with whom the County currently contracts for services, and matters leading to the potential modification of that contractual relationship.
- To discuss the medical and employment history of a particular person.
- Union negotiations.

Adjournment:

Additional Information

- If any committee member has inquiries regarding agenda items, please do not hesitate to contact me.

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FORT DRUM AS
A CANDIDATE SITE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S ADVANCED
NUCLEAR MICROREACTOR INITIATIVE**

Introduced by Legislator Vincent Nortz, member of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense (DoD), through the Defense Innovation Unit and the U.S. Army, has launched the *Advanced Nuclear Power for Installations (ANPI)* initiative to enhance energy resilience and mission readiness at military installations across the nation; and

WHEREAS, advanced nuclear microreactor technology provides scalable, emission-free, dispatchable, and resilient power generation with reduced reliance on fossil fuels—offering the ability to sustain critical defense infrastructure and operations under all conditions; and

WHEREAS, Fort Drum, located within Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties, serves as a premier power projection platform for the U.S. Army and has been recognized by federal and military assessments as a strong candidate site for deployment of this advanced nuclear technology; and

WHEREAS, Fort Drum possesses substantial infrastructure advantages, operational control of its energy systems, and a highly skilled regional workforce capable of supporting the construction, operation, and maintenance of such technology; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators recognizes the longstanding cooperation among Fort Drum, regional partners, and federal and state agencies in advancing energy security, innovation, and resilience initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the successful deployment of advanced nuclear microreactor technology at Fort Drum would strengthen national defense capabilities, create high-quality employment opportunities, foster long-term workforce development, and enhance energy stability throughout the North Country region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby expresses its strong support for the designation of Fort Drum as a host site under the Department of Defense's Advanced Nuclear Power for Installations (ANPI) initiative.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators stands ready to collaborate with federal, state, regional, and local partners in evaluating, advancing, and supporting the deployment of advanced nuclear energy technologies at Fort Drum.

Section 3. A certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Defense, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), the New York State Department of State, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, and Advocate Drum.

Section 4. This resolution is effective immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 3rd day of March, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON AND COUNTY OF LEWIS FOR ACTIVITIES UNDER
WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (“WIOA”)**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, Jefferson and Lewis Counties are designated as a multi-jurisdictional workforce development area under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and seek to have the area be known as the “JEFFERSON - LEWIS LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA” by designation of its respective Chief Elected Officials; and

WHEREAS, the WIOA provides for the Chief Elected Officials of each County to be designated its respective Board’s Executive authorized to enter into an agreement to organize and implement activities pursuant WIOA, and as proposed by the Governor of the State of New York for the purpose of administering WIOA in Jefferson and Lewis Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize such designation and Chief Elected Officials Agreement pursuant to WIOA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an Agreement with the designated Executive of Jefferson County for purposes of administering WIOA; and any agreements to organize and implement workforce development in the Jefferson-Lewis areas pursuant to WIOA.

Section 2. The term of this Agreement shall be from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Section 3. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver said Agreement and any revisions thereto, pending approval by the County Attorney

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 3rd day of March, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**APPOINTING JENNIFER RICH AS A MEMBER TO
LEWIS COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board was established to advise and assist in the development, coordination, and evaluation of youth programs and services within the County; and

WHEREAS, there has been a vacancy on the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board since the beginning of July 2025; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Rich of Watertown, New York, has been recommended by the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board for appointment to fill the vacancy and to be reappointed to serve a two-year term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints Jennifer Rich of Watertown, New York, as a member of the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board to fill the current vacancy and to serve a two-year term.

Section 2. The term of said appointment shall be effective March 3, 2026 through June 30, 2026; and thereafter from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators expresses its appreciation to Jennifer Rich for her willingness to serve and contribute to the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to Jennifer Rich and to the Director of the Youth Bureau.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 3rd day of March, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**APPOINTING LISA HETZNER AS A MEMBER TO
LEWIS COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board was established to advise and assist in the development, coordination, and evaluation of youth programs and services within the County; and

WHEREAS, there has been a long standing vacancy on the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Hetzner of Lowville, New York, has been recommended by the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board for appointment to fill the vacancy and to be reappointed to serve a two-year term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints Lisa Hetzner of Lowville, New York, as a member of the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board to fill the current vacancy and to serve a two-year term.

Section 2. The term of said appointment shall be effective March 3, 2026 through June 30, 2026; and thereafter from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators expresses its appreciation to Lisa Hetzner for her willingness to serve and contribute to the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to Lisa Hetzner and to the Director of the Youth Bureau.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 3rd day of March, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO
LEWIS COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU BY-LAWS**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Youth Bureau (LCYB) reviews its By-Laws periodically, with the last revisions to same having been approved by the LC Board of Legislators on December 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the LCYB reviewed the By-Laws and propose two (2) changes to the current by-laws, to wit: 1) an addition to Article V to provide for failure to attend 50% of meetings in one membership year to result in removal of membership and resignation from the Board; and 2) additions to Article VIII to include Youth Board Members expectations to contribute time and expertise through meeting attendance, to monitor one funded program per year, and to volunteer and attend YB hosted events; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the LCYB seeks to have the Board of Legislators approve and adopt these proposed changes to the By-Laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves and adopts the proposed changes to the Lewis County Youth Bureau By-Laws in Article V and Article VIII, which have been reviewed by the YB and recommended for approval by the Board of Legislators.

Section 2. The LCYB Director is to make the proposed changes, note the adoption of same by the LC Board of Legislators effective on this date, and submit a copy of same to the Clerk of the Board.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 3rd day of March, 2026.